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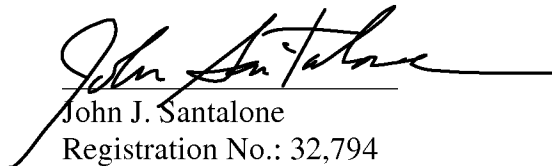
The present application has claims 1-14 pending. In the August 8, 2007 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claimed invention among four allegedly distinct groups that are defines as:

- Claims 1-6 and 13, drawn to a catalyst-coated membrane, classified in class 429, subclass 42;
- Claims 7-8, drawn to a process for manufacturing a catalyst-coated membrane, classified in class 427, subclass 115;
- Claims 9-10 and 14, drawn to a membrane electrode assembly, classified in class 429, subclass 40; and
- Claims 11-12, drawn to a process for manufacturing a membrane electrode assembly, classified in class 429, subclass 30.

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner, in order to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6 and 13, drawn to a catalyst-coated membrane, to prosecute at the present time in the subject application.

No fee is believed to be required in connection with the filing of this response. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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